

AUTOMATIC SUPPLIER SOURCING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention automates the process
5 by which requests for quotation are generated by
manufacturers to suppliers. An RFQ engine resides on
a manufacturers computer system and is used to
generate a request for quotation (RFQ) template. The
template describes the service or goods to be
10 supplied by the suppliers. When the RFQ template is
finalized, it is saved in a pre-designated storage
space on the manufacturer's computer system and is
indexed on an RFQ index mapping which is accessible
by suppliers.

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